

An illustration of a coastal scene with mountains in the background and ships in the water. The text "THE PACIFIC" is arched across the top.

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How Bret Harte Lost \$10,000.
[Cor. Philadelphia Times.]

When Bret Harte came east in the first flush of his California fame, and New York society was just beginning to do his work, Chicago undertook to waylay him and secure the prize for herself. To this end a dozen rich and prominent Chicagoans pooled their resources and arranged with Harte as the principal guest. The dinner, in truth, was given on his account, to induce him to cast his lot in the city. By a brilliant and expensive purchase they put under his plate an acceptance check for \$10,000.

The hour came, and the company, with one exception, was present, acceptance being the rule. The dinner was delayed, the dishes cooled and the gentlemen warmed with impatience and vexation. Still they thought that he would come. But he did not. He had been told some word of explanation. It was nearly 10 o'clock when they sat down, having discovered his absence. They waited in despair for an excuse for his staying away. But the reason was, I have been told, that Mrs. Harte had not been invited, at which she took grave offense, communicating her temper to her husband.

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